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SUBJ: LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION

REFS: A) PARIS 18109, B) PARIS 16771 AND PREVIOUS

1. LITTLE HEADWAY WAS MADE ON OUTSTANDING LIST REVIEW ORGANIZATION ISSUES AT COCOM MEETING 6/21. ITALIAN DEL INSISTED ON "IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE 12 MONTH" OVERALL LIMITATION. FRENCH DEL INSISTED THAT HE COULD ONLY AGREE TO FOUR MONTH (TO FOUR AND HALF MONTHS) INTERVAL IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE TWO ROUNDS HAD A SPECIFIC TIME LIMITATION. BELGIAN DEL WHO HAD INDICATED THAT HE COULD ACCEPT FOUR MONTH INTERVAL NOW FUDGED AND SAID THAT HE WANTED LIMITATION OF THREE MONTHS ON SECOND ROUND. UKDEL HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT HE COULD ACCEPT FOUR MONTH ROUND INTERVAL AS PROPOSED BY US. HE COULD, HE SAID, ALSO AGREE TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR A THREE MONTH LIMITATION ON ROUND 2, BUT HE COULD NOT ACCEPT FRENCH IDEA OR AGREE TO ANY REFERENCE, EVEN IN PRINCIPLE, TO OVERALL LIST REVIEW OF 12 MONTHS. FINALLY GERMANY, WHO STATED THEY

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COULD AGREE TO ANY FORMULA THAT COULD GET US AWAY FROM THIS IMPASSE SUGGESTED THAT WE SET THE LENGTH OF THE INTERVAL NOW AND THAT WE SUBSEQUENTLY SET AN OVERALL TIME LIMIT FOR THE LIST REVIEW THREE WEEKS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE ITS COMMENCEMENT WHEN THE NUMBER AND NATURE OF THE PROPOSALS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE KNOWN.

2. UKDEL PULLED A SURPRISE ON REVISED PROPOSAL ISSUE BY OBJECTING TO US FORMULATION OF PARA II(C). HE EXPLAINED TO USDEL AFTER MEETING THAT HIS AUTHORITIES INSISTED ON SECONDING FOR ALL REVISED PROPOSALS NO MATTER WHEN MADE. IF THIS WERE NOT ADOPTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER TO DO AWAY ALTOGETHER WITH THE CONCEPT OF REVISED PROPOSALS AND WOULD SUPPORT THE FRENCH POSITION. WHILE US CAN AGREE TO UK FORMULATION BELDEL HAS OBJECTED.

3. ONLY AGREEMENT REACHED WAS WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2 OF PREAMBLE. UK REDRAFT USED ALMOST PRECISE LANGUAGE AS THAT SUGGESTED IN PARA 1 OF STATE 129784.

4. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS BELGIAN DEL MADE WHAT HE CALLED "FRANK AND OUTSPOKEN" STATEMENT REGARDING US REFUSAL TO AGREE TO OVERALL LIST REVIEW DEADLINE. OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED, HE SAID, THAT US MIGHT BE PLANNING ON EXTENDING THE SECOND ROUND INTO A THIRD OR FOURTH ROUND BY MERELY LABELING THEM ROUND TWO, SESSION TWO OR SESSION THREE. HE ALSO ACCUSED US OF FAILING TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS ISSUE WITH A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE OR TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRES AND REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. USDEL COMPLETELY REJECTED BOTH CHARGES NOTING THAT THE UNITED STATES COUNTERPROPOSAL ITSELF CALLED FOR TWO ROUND LIST REVIEW AND THAT THE UNITED STATES IS AND ALWAYS HAS ACTED IN

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GOOD FAITH IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. USDEL RECALLED TO BEL-
GIAN DEL THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION WHICH INDICATED THE
NUMBER OF COMPROMISES THE UNITED STATES HAD MADE ON THE
INTERVAL QUESTION AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES UNDER DISCUSS-
ION. HE ALSO NOTED THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE HAD
INDICATED IT'S WILLINGNESS TO ADOPT US SUGGESTION OF
FOUR MONTH INTERVAL.

5COMMENT: IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT LIST REVIEW ORGANIZAT-
ION DISCUSSIONS CANNOT BE COMPLETED JUNE 24, AS HOPED
BY THE CHAIRMAN. BOTH INTERVAL AND REVISED PROPOSAL IS-
SUES ARE SEVERELY DEADLOCKED. USDEL ENVISAGES THAT ONLY
POSSIBLE SOLUTION NOW TO BREAK DEADLOCK ON INTERVAL
WOULD BE TO AGREE TO LIMITING OVERALL LIST REVIEW "IN
SO FAR AS POSSIBLE TO 10 MONTHS". US COULD, OF COURSE
HOLD OUT FOR LONGER 12 MONTHS IN PRINCIPLE PERIOD BUT
WITH RISK THAT NO AGREEMENT WILL BE ATTAINED. CONSEQU-
ENCES OF NO AGREEMENT WOULD EITHER BE LEAVING MATTER OF
INTERVAL FOR DECISION DURING FIRST ROUND OR SCRAPING
OF CURRENT PROPOSALS AND RETURN TO LIST REVIEW RULES IN
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6. USDEL WILL AGREE TO UK PARA II (C) AT COCOM MEETING
JUNE 24. PERHAPS OTHER DELS, INCLUDING BELGIANS WILL
FALL IN LINE THEREAFTER.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS BY JUNE 24 MEETING
TO ACCEPT, AT USDEL'S DISCRETION, LANGUAGE TO EFFECT
THAT OVERALL LIST REVIEW SHOULD BE LIMITED, IN SO FAR
AS POSSIBLE TO 12 (OR 10) MONTHS".

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